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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS IN SPANISH PRESS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT WITH
SPANISH NON-COMMUNIST POLITICAL GROUPS

1. ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE CIA GIVES ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
TO NON-COMMUNIST SPANISH POLITICAL GROUPS - WITH THE SUPPORT
OF KISSINGER" APPEARED IN TODAY'S AFTERNOON DAILY
"INFORMACIONES", BASED ON A DESPATCH FROM THE SPANISH
PYRESA NEWS AGENCY CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK. TEXT OF
ARTICLE FOLLOWS.

2. "THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY KISSINGER,
GAVE PERMISSION TO THE CIA TO FACILITATE UNDERCOVER
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO NON-COMMUNIST POLITICAL GROUPS
IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND CONCRETELY IN ITALY, PORTUGAL,
AND SPAIN, ACCORDING TO A REPORT WHICH IS NOW ON PRESIDENT
FORD'S DESK REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA ABROAD."

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3. "THE DAILY NEWSPAPER, SACRAMENTO BEE, WHICH HAS

A READERSHIP OF 200,000 IN THE CITY OF THE SAME NAME, HAS MADE THIS REVELATION CITING WELL-INFORMED UNNAMED SOURCES".

4. "KISSINGER WAS WORRIED, SAYS THE CALIFORNIA DAILY, PRIMARILY BY ITALY. OTHER SOURCES, A FEW DAYS AGO, STATED THAT THE CIA ASSISTANCE WAS DIRECTED TO CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND SOCIALISTS, IN THE ABSTRACT. BOTH THE SOCIALISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS OF THAT COUNTRY DENY ANY CONNECTION."

5. "WITH RESPECT TO PORTUGAL, SAYS THE DAILY, THE SECRETARY WAS PREOCCUPIED BY THE INCREASING COMMUNIST ACTIVITY. IN THE CASE OF SPAIN PREOCCUPATION WAS FOCUSED ON THE "INCREASING LEFTIST ACTIVITY." THE TERM "LEFTIST" WHEN APPLIED TO SPAIN HAS RADICAL CONNOTATIONS AND GENERALLY INCLUDES EXTREMISTS, ALTHOUGH ORTHODOX COMMUNISM ENTERS, IN THE CASE OF SPAIN, IN THIS CLASSIFICATION."

6. "WHATEVER DECISIONS THE CIA MAKES IN ITALY, PORTUGAL, OR SPAIN OBTAINS THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT, OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, AND OF THE "COMMITTEE OF FORTY" WHEN IT COMES TO UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND OF THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD. IN THESE CASES THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIA IS MERELY AN ERRAND BOY."

7. COMMENT: WE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE RECEIVING PRESS QUERIES REGARDING THIS ARTICLE AND THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN. WE INTEND NOT TO COMMENT.
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